



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1714

Application No.: 10/619,589

Examiner: Ana L. Woodward

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For: FLUOROPOLYMER-BASED MATERIAL IN TAPE OR VARNISH FORM
SUITABLE FOR LASER MARKING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 5, 2005 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-13 and 15-16 and the Species corresponding to Example 1 in the specification, namely a PTFE based composition containing no additives and in tape form, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims and species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims or species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims or species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

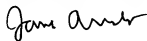
Regarding the election of species requirement, Applicant submits that claims 1-10 are readable upon the elected species, and at least claims 1-10 are generic.

Applicants traverse the election of species requirement on the ground that the generic claims are not so broad as to place an undue burden on the Patent Office to search and examine the full scope of the claims. Rather, Applicants respectfully assert that search and examination of the entire application could be conducted without undue burden on the Examiner, thus avoiding delay and expense to Applicants.

Applicants further understand, however, that upon search, examination and allowance of the elected species, search and examination will continue as to the non-elected species within the scope of the generic claims.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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